Chirayinkil Tahsildar.

130. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether a non-caste Hindu or a non-Hindu has ever been posted as Tahsildar at Chirayinkil?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why no non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu was posted there?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): The same question was put two days ago and it was answered. Under the rules, a question fully asked cannot be asked again.

PRESIDENT: The former question was, was there any rule or practice to the effect that a non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu cannot be posted at Chirayinkil. The question now is whether any man was ever posted there. So these two are not the same. If there is a difference in the wording, honourable members claim that it is a different question.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I rise to a point of order. Is it open to a member to question the power of the President? These interpellations are admitted by the President before being placed on the table. I ask whether the power of the President can be questioned by any member of the House?

PRESIDENT: No member can challenge the power or the discretion of the President. But it would not be wrong if any member gives any information.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether there is any practice prohibiting the appointment of a non Hindu or a non-caste Hindu as Tahsildar at Chirayinkil?

PRESIDENT: That was already put and answered. The question now is whether any non-Hindu or non-caste Hindu was ever posted there as Tahsildar.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That also was answered on the last occasion by the Chief Secretary.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): In view of the answer given by the Chief Secretary that the Tahsildar has to perform certain ceremonies in connection with the *Arittuvazhcha*, I want to know whether the Tahsildar has any functions connected with that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what those functions are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the restriction that only caste-Hindu Tahsildars should be posted to Chirayinkil does not perpetuate untouchability and unapproachability?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is a question of opinion.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government have observed that this perpetuates untouchability?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): No, it does not.

The Sanskrit College.

131. ✻ MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what were the branches abolished in the Sanskrit College;

(*b*) whether any one of the branches abolished has been subsequently introduced;

(*c*) if so, what that branch is;

(*d*) the reasons for abolishing and subsequently reviving the branch;

(*e*) whether the abolition of the branches affected any one of the teaching staff, either acting or permanent; and

(*f*) if so, whom?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Jyotisha and Mimamsa (temporarily.)

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Jyotisha.

(*d*) Jyotisha and Mimamsa branches were temporarily abolished so that the courses of instruction may fit in with the scheme proposed for the affiliation of the Sanskrit College to the University of Madras. As the College did not secure affiliation this year, the Jyothisha branch was revived from the school year 1935-1936 in accordance with the recommendations of the Principal on a representation from the students praying for the re-opening of the same.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*e*).

MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*): ഈ രണ്ടു ബ്രാഞ്ചും നിറുത്തിയതു ഒരേഅവസരത്തിലാണോ എന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. E. K. KUNJURAMAN (*Nominated*). മീമാംസാബ്രാഞ്ചു നിറുത്തിയതിനുശേഷം ആ ബ്രാഞ്ചു വീണ്ടും ഏർപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നു വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾ അപേക്ഷിച്ചതനുസരിച്ചു് അതുവീണ്ടും ഏർപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നു പ്രിൻസിപ്പാൾ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള വിവരം അറിയാമോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes that is stated in the answer, Sir.

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